

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 211

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Edward C.  
Schoenberger, III.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the death of Edward C. Schoenberger, III, Park Manager of Henry Horton State Park and Chief Ranger for Tennessee State Parks; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Ed Schoenberger graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1972; and

WHEREAS, he earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1977; and

WHEREAS, his first appointment in a distinguished career with the Tennessee State Parks system was as a Park Ranger I at Henry Horton State Park in Chapel Hill on October 7, 1978; and

WHEREAS, in August 1980, Mr. Schoenberger was promoted to Park Ranger II at Cove Lake State Park in Caryville, where he also served with acumen and dedication as a Horse Mounted Ranger on the Cumberland Scenic Trail; and

WHEREAS, in May 1982, he returned to Henry Horton State Park, and in July 1983, he was promoted to Park Manager I at the park; and

WHEREAS, in September 1988, he was promoted to Park Manager IV at Henry Horton where he served with the utmost professionalism until his untimely death; and

WHEREAS, Ed Schoenberger selflessly dedicated himself and his considerable talents and energies to making the Tennessee State Parks system one of the finest in the nation; and

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WHEREAS, he worked assiduously and well beyond the call of duty to achieve his laudable goals as the Park Manager at Henry Horton and Chief Ranger for Tennessee State Parks: to promote and develop professionalism in safety and security functions at all Tennessee State Parks and to continue to improve the quality of interpretive and outdoor recreation programs and enhance the conservation and preservation of all state areas and the wild outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schoenberger devoted himself, without qualification or reservation, to making these worthy goals a reality, and his remarkable success as a park management professional and as a conservationist is indeed peerless; and

WHEREAS, as Park Manager at Henry Horton, he adroitly handled the day-to-day operations of the park, including recreational facilities and maintenance programs, while also astutely managing a two-million-dollar annual budget, supervising 104 employees and assuring the safety and security of over one million visitors; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his multitudinous duties as Park Manager, Mr. Schoenberger designed and assumed the responsibility for administering the statewide Park Manager program and carried the additional title of Chief Ranger; and

WHEREAS, in this capacity, he proficiently managed the program that establishes and maintains, through training, the certification of all state park rangers; and

WHEREAS, truly a man of numerous and varied talents, Mr. Schoenberger also supervised the management and training of all State Park Mounted Rangers who patrol the parks on Tennessee walking horses; and

WHEREAS, the very epitome of the dedicated professional and a career state employee wholly committed to public service, his personnel file includes numerous awards and letters of commendation from various commissioners and governors; and

WHEREAS, State Parks Management Administrator Bill Boswell, who has faithfully served since 1964, remarked: "Ed Schoenberger was one of the most notable park professionals to ever serve the State of Tennessee. His dedication, skills and professionalism

will be sadly missed, but never forgotten by those of us who served with him in State Parks”;  
and

WHEREAS, men of his stature and ability rarely walk among us, and he should be specially remembered for living the examined life with liberality and courage; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor the memory of Edward C. Schoenberger III, reflecting fondly upon his meritorious career spent in faithful service to the Tennessee State Parks system and his excellence as a public servant, a conservationist and as a human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our condolences to Mr. Schoenberger’s family and many friends and colleagues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.